



Early Childhood Assistant/Aftercare Teacher - Breakwater School - Portland, Maine

Breakwater School seeks creative and collaborative individuals to join its dedicated Early Childhood team. Full-time and part-time positions available.

Rate of Pay is \$16.00 per hour with additional state stipend (stipend amount is contingent upon experience and education).

To learn more about about Breakwater School please see our website at <http://school.breakwaterlearning.org/>

Position Overview:

Assistant/Aftercare teachers join our teaching team to assist in the academic day and/or provide care in our early childhood aftercare program throughout the year.

Breakwater is seeking individuals to support the teaching team in caring for and teaching toddler & preschool age children in a developmentally responsive program through play based, emergent curriculum rooted in a celebration of the natural world and in accordance with Breakwater's mission, core beliefs, and teaching model. Qualifications preferred to effectively support our program include knowledge of best practices in early education, understanding of current research in child development, and familiarity with the principles of an emergent curriculum model. Candidates must possess the skills to engage children in their own process of learning, and the ability to earn student's trust and attention. Candidates should be able to effectively collaborate with early childhood colleagues during the school day and aftercare programs.

Breakwater will provide training and support to facilitate a successful experience for interested candidates.

Preference will be offered to candidates from diverse backgrounds that can bring life experience to enrich our program.

Preferred qualifications and experience:

- Experience in early childhood working with groups of children ages 18 months to 5 years.
- Experience/exposure to at least one of the following settings preferred: Reggio Emilia inspired, Montessori, and/or nature based preschool program
- Experience with one or more of the following is desired: school gardens, early childhood art, music, movement, nature studies, science, tinkering, woodworking



- Able to lift 40 pounds, haul or drag up to 25 pounds, sit, stand, squat, and otherwise get down on the level of children

Certifications:

- *As per the Office of Child & Family Services, new employees cannot begin work until they have completed a [background check through fingerprinting](#) and a Provider Letter of Eligibility is on site at Breakwater.*
- Water safety, CPR and First Aid preferred; not required at time of hire

Compensation:

- Hourly at \$16/ hour
- Funds are provided to generously cover full benefits for full time employees

Please submit cover letter, resume, and three references electronically to the office manager:

rcrabtree@breakwaterschool.org

No phone calls please.

Applications will be reviewed at the time they are received and will be accepted until the position is filled.

Breakwater is an equal opportunity employer (EOE), and does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factors.